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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Southeast Asia Security

LATEST reports from London suggest that Mr Dulles and Mr Eden have agreed that whatever form "united action in Southeast Asia" may eventually take, nothing is to be done that might prejudice the forthcoming Geneva conference. This is good news and to be heartily welcomed. The Geneva discussions may produce nothing tangible, but it is right and proper that nothing should be essayed at this moment by the Western powers which could be interpreted anywhere as being responsible for undermining the conference. It is the duty of the representatives of the free world to go to Geneva determined to do everything possible to bring about a negotiated agreement on Korea and other Far East problems which come up for discussion, any agreement, of course, being based on accepted principles and providing necessary safeguards. In the light of the recent Big Four Berlin talks this may be expecting too much, yet the effort must be made, and in such a manner that failure cannot be laid at the door of the United Nations delegates. There can be no "head in the clouds" about the Geneva conference; the problems to be tackled do not permit.

The future of Korea is ostensibly the principal item on the agenda, yet it seems more than likely that when the delegates finally meet, emphasis will be shifted to Indo-China. It is very clear that Mr Dulles is more preoccupied with Indo-China than he is with Korea at this moment, and he does not hide his conviction that, whatever the outcome of the Geneva discussions, some positive sign must be given to the Communists that the free world intends to save Indo-China from falling into the hands of the Reds.

THAT sign, it would appear, is to take the form of a Southeast Asia security pact. It is an interesting proposition, but one which requires careful exploration. If it materialises it will, presumably, supersede the existing ANZUS pact—an alliance which by many is considered inadequate. In essence, the proposed Southeast Asia security agreement is what a number of interested countries have for some time past advocated. It would, conceivably, become a sort of Pacific NATO—a fully united front pledged to resist aggression. Britain, it is reported, agrees in principle to the creation of such a Southeast Asia alliance in the event of the Geneva conference failing to produce desired results, and that she does so is logical not only because of her wide and important interests in the Far East, but also because of the prominent position she occupies in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation. Britain fully appreciates that Communist aggression in Asia must be stopped, and the best proof of her determination to play her part to this end is seen in the unrelenting war she is waging in Malaya. This, in fact, is the answer to those critics who would brand Britain as an applier of Communism. The Malayan war is to be fought to a finish, and by the same token, Britain can be expected to identify herself with any practical and reasonable project that will safeguard the Far East from the depredations of militant Communism.

Britain Willing To Sponsor SE Asia Security Pact

AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE WITH DULLES

No Action Before Geneva Talks

London, Apr. 12. Britain and the United States agreed in principle here today to sponsor a Southeast Asia security pact to deter Communist expansion should the Geneva conference fail to restore peace in Indo-China, according to diplomatic sources.

The pact would probably have Britain, France, the United States, Australia and New Zealand as its founder members and would be open to Southeast Asian states and the Philippines to join.

Mr John Foster Dulles and Mr Anthony Eden, American and British Foreign Secretaries, agreed the move at their talks on Mr Dulles' call for "united action" to prevent Communist domination of the rich and strategically important area.

Mr Dulles will discuss the proposal with the French Government when he flies to Paris tomorrow (Tuesday).

But no Western move will be made before the Geneva conference to give formal warning to the Peking Government against further aiding Communist rebels in the area, as Mr Dulles originally proposed.

Mr Dulles is understood to have accepted British and French arguments that nothing should be done to jeopardise the Geneva meeting opening on April 20.

The Geneva meeting will bring Communist China to the international conference table for the first time to discuss the Indo-China and Korean problems.

Mr Dulles was understood to have told Mr Dulles that in the British view, the Western powers could afford to wait until after the Geneva meeting because the onset of the monsoon would in any case soon bring the Indo-China war to a virtual standstill for about five months.

Opinion in Britain would react unfavourably to any move which might prejudice the chances of testing Communist intentions at Geneva, he said.

One of the proposals Mr Dulles made in pressing for "united action" was the issue of declaration before Geneva by the nations concerned, warning Communist China of the possible consequences of continuing aid to Communist rebels.

American alarm at the greatly increased aid given by Peking to the Indo-China Vietminh in their all-out assault on the French fortress of Dien Bien Phu prompted Mr Dulles' appeal. It was the preliminary British and French unfavourable reaction to it that caused Mr Dulles to fly on his hastily-arranged four-day mission to London and Paris.

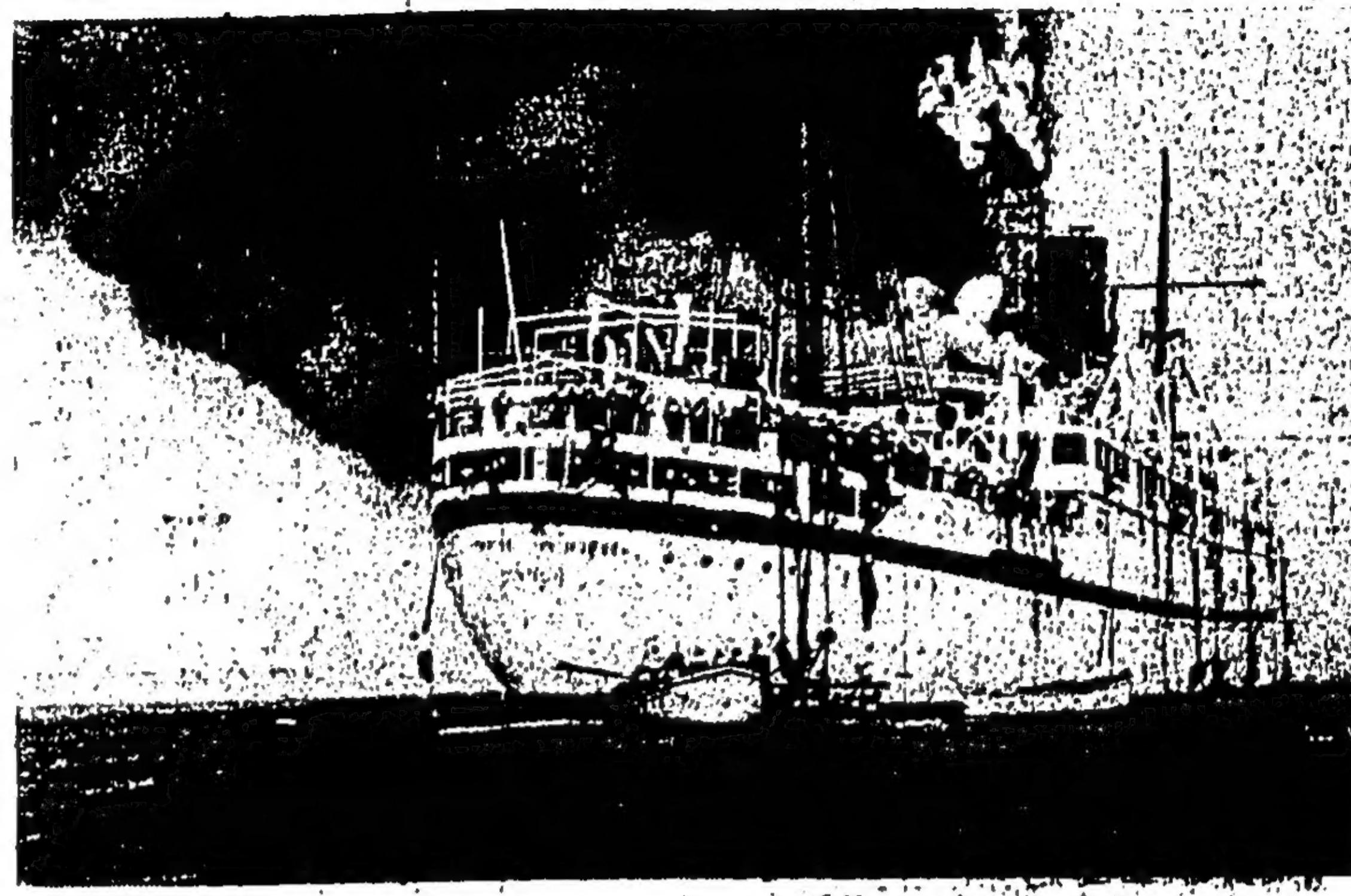
Reports from Paris have suggested that the French Government, which is principally concerned because of her seven-year-war in Indo-China, would agree to measures to bolster anti-Communist resistance if the Geneva meeting failed to end the war there.—Reuter.

CRITICAL PHASE

London, Apr. 13. Britain is prepared to back a new defence organisation to shield Southeast Asia from further Communist aggression.

SUPREME COURT TO HEAR WIDOW'S CLAIM

Washington, Apr. 12. The Supreme Court today agreed to examine a Nebraska widow's damage claims against a cemetery that refused burial to her soldier-husband, an American Indian killed in Korea. The widow, Mrs Evelyn Rice of Winnebago, Nebraska, sued for \$60,000 on each of three counts claiming humiliation and



Troopship Disaster



Comet Test Through The "Death Barrier"

London, Apr. 12. One of Britain's best known pilots will ram a Comet jet airliner through the mysterious "death barrier" six miles up in hopes of solving the mystery of three fatal crashes, it was announced today.

The pilot is RAF Group Captain John Cunningham who won the name of "Cat's Eyes" through his ability to spot Hitler's night bombers during the Battle of Britain. He is now chief test pilot for the de Havilland Aircraft Company, which manufactures the Jinxed craft.

Captain Cunningham will clutch a microphone in his hand and broadcast a play-by-play account as he rams the Comet through the "death barrier" at full speed.

Sir Miles Thomas, Director of the British Overseas Airways Corporation, has blamed such a "death barrier" for the Comet crashes.

Preparing for his death-defying climb, Captain Cunningham said, "The Comets have climbed this way for four and a half years without anything going wrong. I've done it scores of times."

The date for Captain Cunningham's flight was not announced. De Havilland said that it would be made as soon as the Company gives new ground checks to the Comet down to its suburban Hatfield headquarters on Saturday.

De Havilland planned a make-or-break series of test flights designed to jar loose any possible information.

Delicate instruments were being placed aboard the craft to record stresses and strains.

Later a Comet will be fitted with ejection seats and special emergency equipment to protect volunteer RAF fliers daring to re-enact the fatal flights.

A spokesman said that such equipment was necessary only when pilots planned to "fight the plane" to the breaking point.—United Press.

London, Apr. 12. Two Royal Air Force jets crashed on the Yorkshire coast near Bridlington this morning and the two pilots were reported missing. The pilots were believed to have parachuted out over the sea. A search was started in the area.—France Presse.

ment suffering after the Sioux City, Iowa, Memorial Park Cemetery refused to lower the husband's body into a grave following a graveside service.

President Truman later ar-

Vital Hilltop Regained From Vietminh Rebels

Hanoi, Apr. 12. The French High Command announced tonight that their forces regained control of the vital hilltop east of Dien Bien Phu last night, but the Vietminh did not completely evacuate it until this morning.

The Vietminh withdrew well beyond artillery range after very heavy losses. French casualties were "severe."

The French seized the hilltop on Saturday night.

French patrols probing westward last night contacted enemy troops less than a mile from the heart of the stronghold.

In the Tonkin Delta, the French yesterday lost two posts, one about ten miles from Hanoi and the other about the same distance northwest of Haliphong.

The Vietminh ambushed a motor convoy 30 miles southwest of Saigon yesterday. Armoured cars, which rushed to rescue the convoy, inflicted severe casualties on the Vietminh.

Vietminh seized two forts held by the Vietnam home guard in the Red River Delta last night and continued their raids on the railway and main road linking Hanoi and Hanoi.

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"But I was very happy that they immediately recognised me," he added.

Mr Georgescu arrived in Munich last night. He said he first heard that his sons would be released about a fortnight ago while on a business trip in Turkey.

He said his sons, who went by train from Bucharest to Vienna on the first leg of their trip to the United States, had no passports but only a "one way document" from the Rumanian Government valid for the trip to the United States.

He was "very disappointed" to find that the boys had not the slightest conception of what life in the United States is like.

He would not talk about their life in Rumania except to say they had been "in some sort of trade school" and "also in a labour camp."—Reuters.

Counsel's Claims In Winding-Up Petition Alleges Falconer's Used As Cover

"We are going to say that Mr M. W. H. Seymour is a mere employee of Mr J. B. Ipekjian Bros. Ltd., and we are going to say, both on the evidence already before your Lordship and generally in cross-examination of these gentlemen, Mr Seymour and Mr Ipekjian, that Ipekjian Bros. are a firm engaged in business of an international nature, that they deal in exchange, and I say frankly that it is my case that these dealings are of a distinctly shady character and George Falconer and Co. (H.K.) Ltd., have been used by these people to afford a respectable cover for transactions which when analysed are distinctly suspect."

These allegations were made by Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, leading Counsel for the petitioner in the course of his opening of a petition to wind up Messrs. George Falconer and Co. (H.K.) Ltd., before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr Justice T. J. Gould in the Supreme Court this morning.

Mr Bernacchi went on: "To take this example alone of Swan, Culbertson and Fritz, I say with confidence that Mr Seymour and Mr Ipekjian, if they attempt to, will have the greatest difficulty in convincing your Lordship or any of us that that transaction could be said to be a legal transaction and yet they are involving the name of Falconer's, and having made a profit out of this transaction are keeping it themselves."

The petitioner, Mr James Joseph Osborne King, goldsmith and silversmith, of 20 Briggate, Circuit, and a former Director of Falconer's, is petitioning for the winding up of the Company under the provision of the Companies Ordinance, Cap. 32.

Petitioner is represented by Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, Mr D. A. Wright and Mr Patrick Yu, all instructed by Mr M. A. da Silva.

The petition is opposed by Mr J. B. Ipekjian and Mr M. W. H. Seymour, shareholders, on behalf of Messrs. George Falconer and Co. (H.K.) Ltd., for whom the Hon. Leo d'Almada QC, Mr John McNeill QC, and Mr A. J. Clifford, all instructed by Mr G. Hampton, of Messrs. Hastings and Company are appearing.

Mr R. W. S. Winter, instructed by Mr F. D. Hammond of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, is opposing for Mr J. B. Ipekjian and Mr M. W. H. (Continued on back page, Col. 6)

REUNITED WITH SONS

Munich, Apr. 12. Mr Valeriu Georgescu, naturalised American, who claimed his two sons had been held in Rumania to force him to spy for the Communists, met them at the airport here today when they arrived by air from Vienna.

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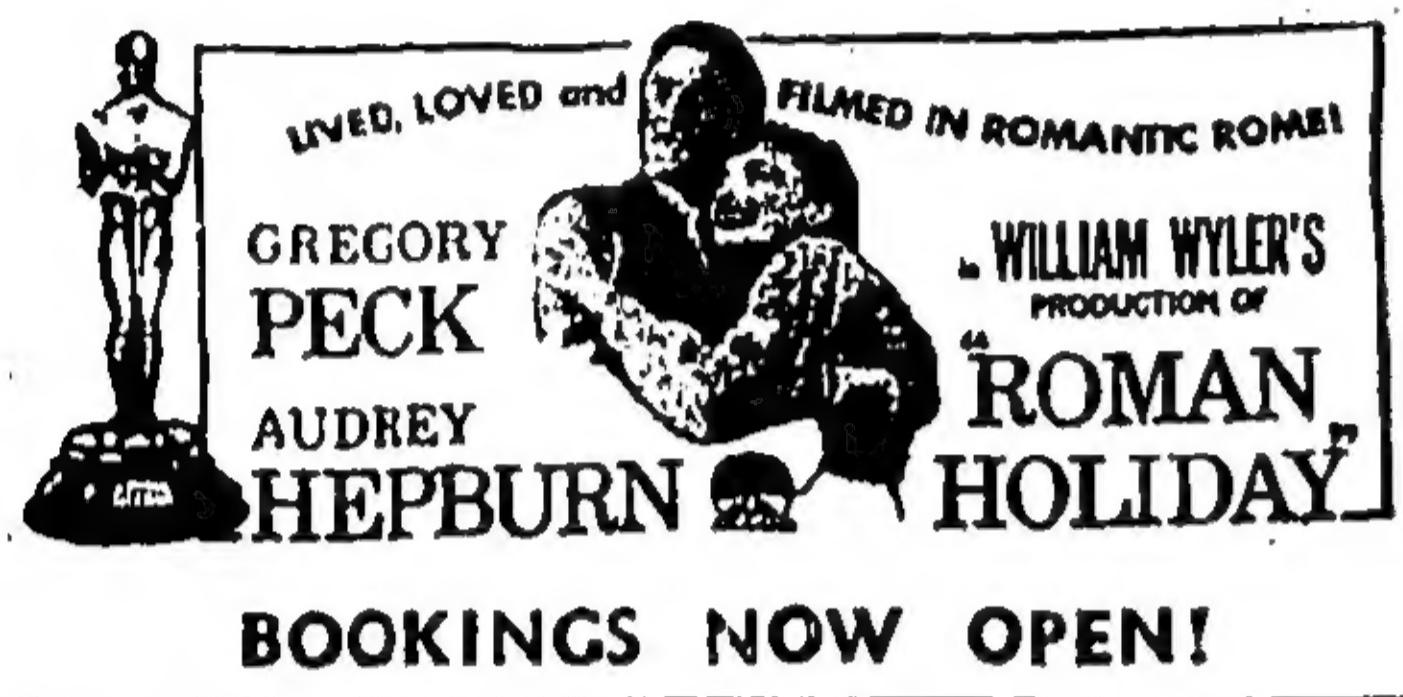


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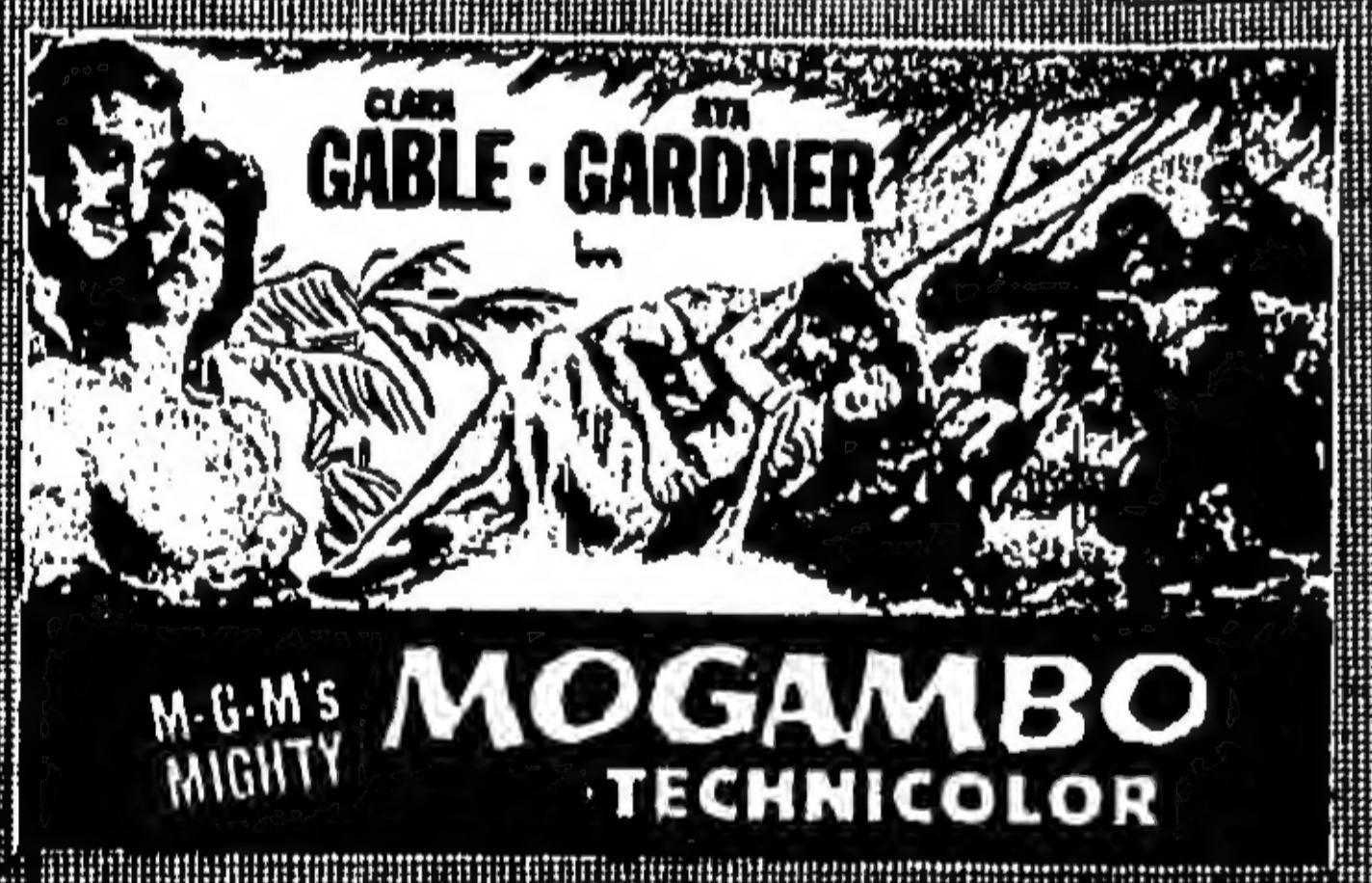
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BOOKINGS NOW OPEN!**BLOW TO FRENCH EDC PLANS****Gaullist Ministers Dissatisfied With UK Association**

Paris, Apr. 12.

The five Gaullist Ministers in the French Cabinet tonight called on M. Joseph Laniel, the Prime Minister, to protest against "the insufficiency" of Britain's proposed association with the European Army.

They had refused earlier to approve the still-secret terms of the new treaty associating Britain with the EDC on the grounds that it would imply their support of the European Army.

The five Gaullist Ministers before calling on the Premier held a meeting in the offices of a Minister of State, General Edouard Cornillon-Molinier.

They were joined there by two dissident Gaullist Ministers, Edmond Narrachin, Minister of State for Constitutional Reform, and Raymond Boisse, Secretary of State for Commerce.

Apart from General Cornillon-Molinier, the four other Gaullist Ministers are Maurice Lemaire, Minister of Posts, Marc Jaquet, Secretary of State for Indo-China, Henri Ulmer, Secretary of State for Budget.

The Gaullist Ministers told the Premier they considered the British proposals "too weak" to be regarded as fully meeting French requests for close British association with EDC.

Therefore, they argued, the French Government could not claim that one of its prerequisite conditions for ratification of the EDC treaty had been fulfilled. The other French conditions are settlement of the Saar issue and guarantees from the United States.—Reuters.

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Mr Truman Attacks US "Political Bogeymen"

New York, Apr. 12. The former U.S. President, Mr Harry Truman, said today that hunters were on the loose again, often cloaked with impunity, and armed with subpoenas and the cruel whiplash of unevaluated gossip.

In a reference to "political bogeymen" Mr Truman said "they are making a mockery of the very institutions they so callously pretend they are seeking to preserve."

He did not mention Senator McCarthy by name, but in a apparent reference to him he said, "There is even one among them whose torrent of wild charges is calculated to damage the faith of Americans in the integrity of their Government, army, schools, churches, their labour unions and the Press. Most of all, he is threatening to undermine the respect and confidence Americans must have in one another."

Mr Truman, speaking as the annual Green Foundation Lecturer at Westminster College at Fulton, said that the "political bogeymen" had no more respect for the due process of law and order than the Communists "they say they hate but whose methods they copy."

"These descendants of the ancient order of witch hunters have learned nothing from history," Mr Truman said. "They care nothing for history. They care less for the American traditions of law and order and fair play."

Mr Truman's remarks on "political bogeymen" came after he had delivered a history of "mass hysteria" in the United States, starting with the Salem witchcraft executions of 1692 and concluding with the activities of the Ku Klux Klan in the 1920's.

Mr Truman recalled his appearance on the same platform eight years ago when he introduced the British Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, as the lecturer. He praised Sir Winston as "one of the world's greatest men."

FROM THE BRITISH

"It is from the British that we have inherited the concept that a man is innocent until he is proven guilty," said Mr Truman.

"Today crude and sinister men are trying to destroy this concept and to shake the very foundation of our freedom based on the due process of law."

Mr Truman said history was filled with examples of temporary mob excitement, stirred by "false" or "exaggerated" charges and resulting in injury to innocent persons.

This type of hysteria, he said, usually took root in an atmosphere of war, severe economic crisis or a threat of either.

He hoped America would "always stand as a citadel of freedom of thought and freedom of speech."

"The way for us to spread Democracy is to practice it ourselves. In times such as these, our colleges and universities have a very special obligation to maintain freedom of thought and inquiry," he added.—United Press.

Colour Films Of H-Bomb Tests To Be Released

Washington, Apr. 12. The Government has lifted its ban on foreign showing of colour films of the 1952 hydrogen bomb explosion in the Pacific, it was disclosed today.

A Civil Defence Administration spokesman said that foreign news agencies or commercial concerns wanting copies of the colour film of "Operation Ivy" may obtain them from a commercial firm here for \$24.50 each. He added that the only request so far was from France, for a black and white film.

A top-level policy decision of the Administration previously banned foreign distribution of colour movies of the November, 1952, explosion.

Informed sources said the ban was based on the belief that colour reproductions of what the bomb could do would have too great an emotional impact on nations already nervous about the tests.

The Civil Defence spokesman was unable to explain why the ban was revoked. He said merely that "upon review" the Government decided to release it.

One reason for revocation of the ban may have been because televised excerpts of the black-and-white film got a lukewarm reception in Britain when shown there recently. The British Broadcasting Company reported "practically no audience reaction."—United Press.

Complaints By Israel, Jordan**Security Council Held Up By Procedural Dispute**

United Nations, Apr. 12.

The United Nations Security Council convened today to consider complaints by Jordan and Israel on renewed violence in Palestine.

The two complaints came before the Council last Thursday but a procedural dispute lasting more than three hours blocked opening of debate on the issues.

The Arabs demanded that the questions be discussed separately. The Russian delegate Mr Andrei Vyshinsky asked the Council members to adopt the provisional agenda and then proceed to examine the order in which the two complaints would be taken up.

The Danish delegate Mr William Borberg recalled that at last Thursday's meeting Dr Malin made a suggestion on the Council's procedure in this case.

The Brazilian delegate Senhor Hugo Gouthier then offered a new proposal for getting the debate under way.

The Brazilian-Colombian suggestion was outlined by Senhor Gouthier as follows:

1. Adopt the provisional agenda.
2. Hold a general discussion.
3. The Security Council should not commit itself at this stage as to the separate or joint character of any resolution the Council might adopt.

VYSHINSKY'S VIEW

Mr Vyshinsky then spoke in his capacity as Soviet delegate, rather than as Council President.

He said the two cases were not at all alike. He said that Britain, in asking for a general Palestine debate, had not made any "articulate proposal."

There was no articulate statement as to what the Security Council would be expected to examine," said Mr Vyshinsky.

The British delegate Sir Plinten Dixon supported the Brazilian-Colombian suggestion as a "suitable compromise." He said he was "astounded" by the Vyshinsky conclusion.

"To my mind there is no inconsistency," said Sir Plinten. "In each case it must depend on circumstances. My government considers that the trouble along the Israel border demands general discussion."

He did not think that piecemeal discussion of the Palestine question was the best procedure.

"An incident such as that at Naharin, in which the Mixed Armistice Commission found Israel guilty, is certainly a matter for Council consideration," said Sir Plinten. "I firmly believe the Council will wish to give this complaint the full consideration it deserves."

He said the Palestine situation had undoubtedly been deteriorating.

JUST SOLUTION

The French delegate M. Hoppenot also endorsed the Latin American proposal as a "just and honourable solution."

The US delegate Mr Henry Cabot Lodge, then added his

United Press.

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VIETNAM TO FIGHT ON UNTIL VICTORY

Prince Buu Loc's Pledge To Oppose Communists

Burchett Now In Indo-China

London, Apr. 12. Communist war correspondent Wilfred Burchett, who reported the Korean war from the Communist side, sent a dispatch from Indo-China today.

In a report to the London Daily Worker dated from "somewhere in North Vietnam," Burchett said he had been in Indo-China for about a month. He said he had covered "thousands of miles through mountains and jungles" meeting Communist leaders.

He said the Geneva conference starting on April 28 represented the only alternative to a "dishonourable defeat" for the French. He added that American aid to the French will make defeat "the more honourable."

He said the price of a negotiated peace in Indo-China would be complete independence for all Indo-Chinese states. — United Press.

Coalition Inevitable In Belgium

Brussels, Apr. 12. Young King Baudouin of the Belgians tonight faced the first major political crisis of his reign after the collapse of the Catholic Government's four-year-old majority in yesterday's general election.

The Catholic Prime Minister, M. Jean Van Houtte, formally handed his Cabinet's resignation to the King today.

It is now the turn of the Party Presidents to be summoned to the Palace for consultations in which the Socialists are likely to play a key role.

The Catholics, though still the largest party, now hold only 95 of the 212 seats in the Lower House, a loss of 13. The Socialists have 87 seats, a gain of 10.

Some form of coalition seems inevitable. But M. Theo Lefèvre, National President of the Social - Christian (Catholic) Party, declared: "I am personally in favour of my Party going into opposition rather than making a pact with the Socialists."

M. Max Buset, Socialist Party Chairman, called former Prime Minister Paul-Henri Spaak and other executive members to talks today on whether the Party should join forces with the Catholics or form a coalition with the Liberals who increased their strength in the Lower House from 10 seats to 24. Socialist-Liberal coalition would have an overall majority of 10 seats, according to the semi-official results. — Reuter.

Saigon, Apr. 13. The Vietnamese Premier, Prince Buu Loc, said today his country would continue the war against the Vietminh until victory.

As long as the Communist-led rebels tried to impose their will upon Vietnam his country was determined to oppose the realisation of the Communist "dream of hegemony," he said.

The Premier was speaking at the inauguration of a bridge named after Nguyen Hoang who 4,000 years ago founded the kingdom of Van Lang, ancient Vietnam.

After paying a tribute to the gallant defenders of Dien Bien Phu Prince Buu Loc directly addressed the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Donald Heath, who was present at the inaugural ceremony, and expressed Vietnam's gratitude for US aid.

"The United States did not limit its support to material aid, however important it may be. The moral support we receive from the United States is not less precious to us. The US Government, Congress, Press and public opinion are becoming more and more conscious of the importance of the struggle we carry on here against one of the forms of international Communism."

"What I want to obtain from the recent statements of President Eisenhower and Secretary of State Mr John Foster Dulles is the spirit which inspired them. Vietnam will know how to profit by the lesson of determination which they show us."

Turning to Vietnam's war the Premier said the Vietnamese army was practically non-existent three years ago but now included 330,000 men, plus 180,000 who do not belong to regular units. He said a total of 550,000 Vietnamese had been drafted.

After stating that 4,700 Vietnamese were among the defenders of Dien Bien Phu, Prince Buu Loc said the Vietnamese losses in 1953 comprised 220 officers, 1,000 non-commissioned officers and 15,143 men. — France-Press.

Saigon, Apr. 12. The battle for Dien Bien Phu, though fierce, could not decide the issue of the Indo-China war, the Governor of the North Vietnam, Mr Nguen Huu Tho, said today.

The war could only be won by arming the Vietnamese themselves, and the French and the Americans now understand this, he added.

"If we arm the peasants and ask them to defend the plots of land we can be sure they will do it," he declared.

H-Bomb And The Church

Vatican City, Apr. 12. The Vatican newspaper, *Observatore Romano*, said today the development of ever more terrible weapons of destruction was due to the "practical banning of Christ which corrodes modern life."

The newspaper said in a front page article on the hydrogen bomb that accusations and reproaches now being launched from all sides were incoherent and vain.

"All share the responsibility of having denied the only eternal premises which would have excluded these effects," it declared. — Reuter.

FIERCE ATTACK

Berlin, Apr. 12. The East German Communists have launched a fierce attack on Bishop Otto Dibelius, titular head of the German Evangelical Church, for calling the hydrogen bomb "the best guarantee for peace".

The East German Government-controlled radio said, "Dibelius has made this atrocious anti-human statement as the peoples and Parliaments are demanding the ban and destruction of all weapons of mass destruction and the end of American atom bomb tests."

Bishop Dibelius, Bishop of Berlin and the Soviet Zone province of Brandenburg, said last week that the destructive power of the hydrogen and cobalt bombs was so great that Governments may fear to use them. — United Press.

Eisenhower Sacks Housing Official

Washington, Apr. 12. President Eisenhower today dismissed the Federal Housing Commissioner, Mr Guy T. O. Hollyday, for allegedly "illegal or unethical" actions and ordered all FHA files to be seized.

Hollyday's senior, the Federal Housing chief, Mr Albert Cole, told a press conference the Government may have lost millions of dollars as a result.

The President ordered Mr Cole to seize all FHA files and records and at the same time announced, through the White House Press Secretary, James Hagerty, that he would accept Mr Hollyday's resignation. — United Press.

CROSSWORD

3 Flowers (8).
4 Clever (4).
5 Fragrant (8).
6 Set free (8).
7 Tackle (4).
8 Refrained from (8).
9 Items of jewellery (8).
10 Wooden shoe (4).
11 Hidden (8).
12 Player (8).
13 Rapid (4).
14 Dashed about (8).

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1 Lofty (4).
2 Social centre (4).
3 Italian coin, and— (4).
4 American one (4).
5 Eccentric (5).
6 Make liable (5).
7 Got up (5).
8 Animal (5).
9 Perfect (5).
10 Debate (5).
11 Narrow (5).
12 Bone (5).
13 Drill (5).
14 Posse (5).
15 Eye affection (4).
16 Yield (4).
17 Attraction (4).
18 Tax (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD — Across: 1 Daring, 4 Porch, 7 Epicure, 8 Intox., 9 Docno, 11 Nesties, 13 Detoxis, 10 Candied, 12 Ashen, 19 Garrison, 20 Signs, 21 Sherry, 22 Down, 1 Dread, 2 Incur, 3 Garment, 4 Posse, 5 Recalled, 6 Hovels, 10 Catching, 12 Records, 13 Drawls, 14 Singers, 16 Noise, 17 Dingy.

Franco At Big Parade



Eventful Day In Ceylon

The Queen Missed A Storm, Met A Red MP

Colombo, Apr. 12. A storm broke just before Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh arrived at the Ceylon Turf Club's race meeting here today, soaking a Ceylon naval detachment lining the course.

But the 20-minute downpour had slackened off to a drizzle when the Queen and the Duke drove down the course, escorted by a detachment of mounted police who had to dip their lances as they passed under the starting gate.

India's New Request To UN On H-Bomb

United Nations, Apr. 12. India today suggested that the United Nations Secretary General, Mr Dag Hammarskjöld be asked to seek periodic data from the H-bomb powers on the "horrible" consequences of the new thermonuclear weapon.

The suggestion carried one step further Premier Jawaharlal Nehru's proposal for "full publicity" on the destructive power and effects of H-bomb blasts.

All Opposition members of Parliament, except one, former Cabinet Minister C. Suntharamalingam, boycotted today's opening ceremony in accordance with their custom since Ceylon secured independence.

But the Opposition members were present with Government Party members and their wives when the Queen and the Duke paid an informal visit later to the House of Representatives, three miles from the Independence Hall.

Communist member Somaiwir Chandrasiri and his wife were among those who met the Queen. — Reuter.

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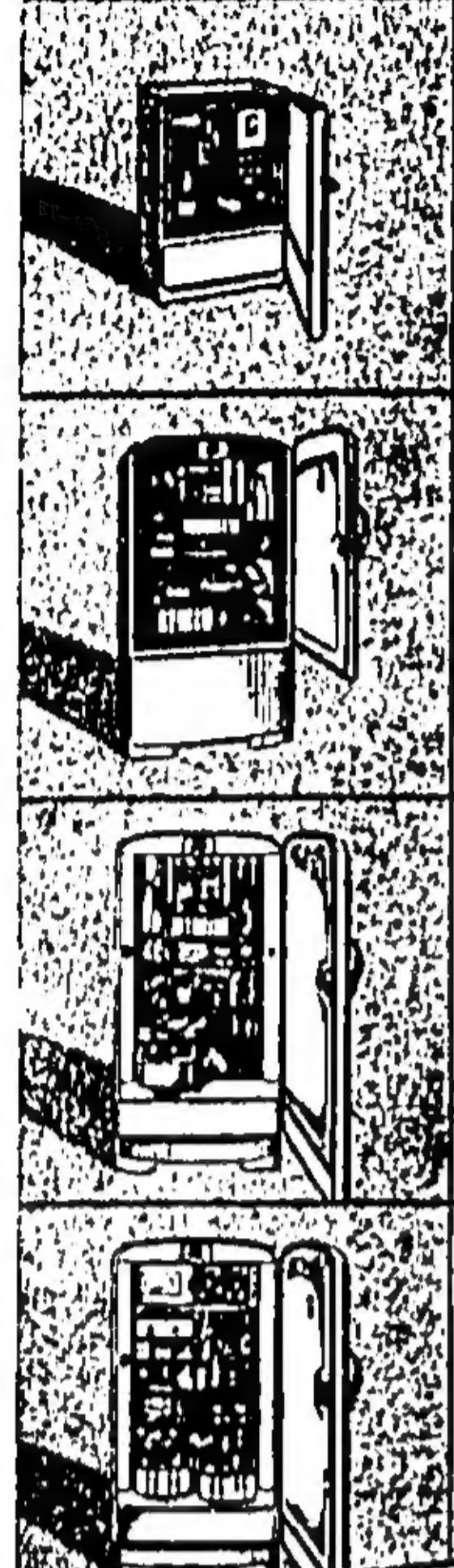
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THE STORY SO FAR

REGSON, a Scotland Yard detective, calls on Holmes. He has received a telegram from the Derbyshire police from which it appears that Lord Cope, Deputy-Lieutenant of the County, has been murdered on his ancestral guillotine at Arnsworth Castle. The local police inspector, Dawlish, has also, rather mysteriously, sent the County Guide and Gazetteer, giving the history of Lord Cope's ancestors, saying the contents should be studied. Dawlish suspects Lord Cope's cousin, Captain Jasper Lothian, of murdering the old man. Holmes, Watson and Gregson arrive at the castle and are admitted by Stephen, Lord Cope's devoted servant. Lady Cope is still sitting motionless, gazing at the beheaded body, when the detectives enter.

The body of a tall, thin man, his hands tied by bloodstained cloth, still lay on the guillotine. Dawlish believes there was a quarrel, after which Captain Lothian overpowered Lord Cope, killed him on the guillotine and escaped on a horse which is missing from the stables. But the victim's head has vanished. Holmes finds clues which indicate that the dead man was unconscious when put on the guillotine, that the machine had been freshly oiled and that the murderer was addicted to Turkish cigarettes. He goes to the stables, collects some straw and, to Watson's astonishment, carries it back to the house, where he calmly sets it alight. Seconds later there is a rush of feet and a cry of horror: "Fire!"

The old man sprang at him, his eyes blazing and his fingers crooked like the talons of a vulture.

"A trick!" he screamed. "I've betrayed him through your cursed tricks!"

"Take him, Watson," said Holmes holding him at arm's length. "There, there. You're a faithful fellow."

"Faithful unto death," whispered a feeble voice.

I started back involuntarily. The edge of the ancient fireplace had swung open and in the dark aperture thus disclosed there stood a tall thin man, so powdered with dust that for the moment I seemed to be staring not at a human being but at a spectre. He was about fifty years of age, gaunt and high-nosed, with a pair of sombre eyes that waxed and waned feverishly in a face that was the colour of grey paper.

"I fear that the dust it bothered you, Lord Cope," said Holmes very gently, "would you not be better seated?"

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THE nobleman nodded. "He's own people built it for Rennes," he muttered, "he returns for the infamy that their womenfolk had suffered at his hands, but pray proceed, and quickly."

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By looking at the body of the victim, Watson. The two men must have borne a general resemblance to each other or the deception would not have been feasible from the start. An ash tray in the museum contained a cigarette stub. Turkish, comparatively fresh and smoked from a holder. None but an idiot would have smoked under the terrible circumstances that must have accompanied that significant stump. The footmarks in the snow showed that someone had come from the main building carrying a burden and had returned without that burden. I think I have covered the principal points."

THE hour was late when, at last, we reached our old lodgings in Baker Street where Holmes, after poking up the fire, lost not a moment in donning his mouse-coloured dressing gown.

"It is approaching midnight," I observed, and as I would wish to be with my wife when this year of 1887 draws to its close, I must be on my way. Let me wish you a Happy New Year, my dear fellow."

"I heartily reciprocate your good wishes, Watson," he replied. "Pray bear my greetings to your wife and my apologies for your temporary absence."

I had reached the deserted street and, pausing for a moment to raise my collar against the swirl of the snowflakes, I was about to set out on my walk when my attention was arrested by the strains of a violin. Involuntarily, I raised my eyes to the window of our old sitting-room and there sharply outlined against the lamp-lit blind, was the shadow of Sherlock Holmes.

"I could see that he knew hawk-like profile which I know so well, the slight stoop of his shoulders as he bent over his fiddle, the rise and fall of the bow-tip. But surely this was no dreamy Italian air, no complicated improvisation of his own creation, that drifted down to me through the stillness of that bleak winter's night."

"Should old acquaintance be forgot?"

"And never brought to mind?"

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"And days of auld lang syne?"

A snowflake must have drifted into my eye for, as I turned away, the gaslights, glimmering down the desolate expanse of Baker Street seemed strangely blurred.

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FOR a while, we sat in silence broken only by the moan of a rising wind at the windows and the short, sharp panting of the dying man's breath.

"I owe you no explanation," he said at last, "for it is to my Maker who alone knows the innermost recesses of the human heart that I must answer for my deed. Nevertheless, though my story is one of shame and guilt, I shall tell you enough to enlist perhaps your forbearance in granting me my final request."

"You must know, then, that following the scandal which brought his army career to its close, my cousin Jasper Lothian has lived at Arnsworth. Though he was not another missing, his Lordship's cousin and alleged murderer, Captain Jasper Lothian?"

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"In taking vengeance for the great wrong which one man can do to another, I had successfully protected our name from the shame of the scaffold. I could rely on Stephen's loyalty. As for my wife, though she knew the truth, she could not betray me without announcing to the world her own infidelity. Life held nothing more for me than the shadow of Sherlock Holmes."

"As I look back now on the years that passed, I blame myself for my own lack of principle in my failure to put an end to his extravagance, his drinking and gaming, and certain less honourable pursuits with which rumour already linked his name. I had thought him wild and injudicious. I was yet to learn that he was a creature so vile and utterly bereft of honour that he would tarnish the name of his own house."

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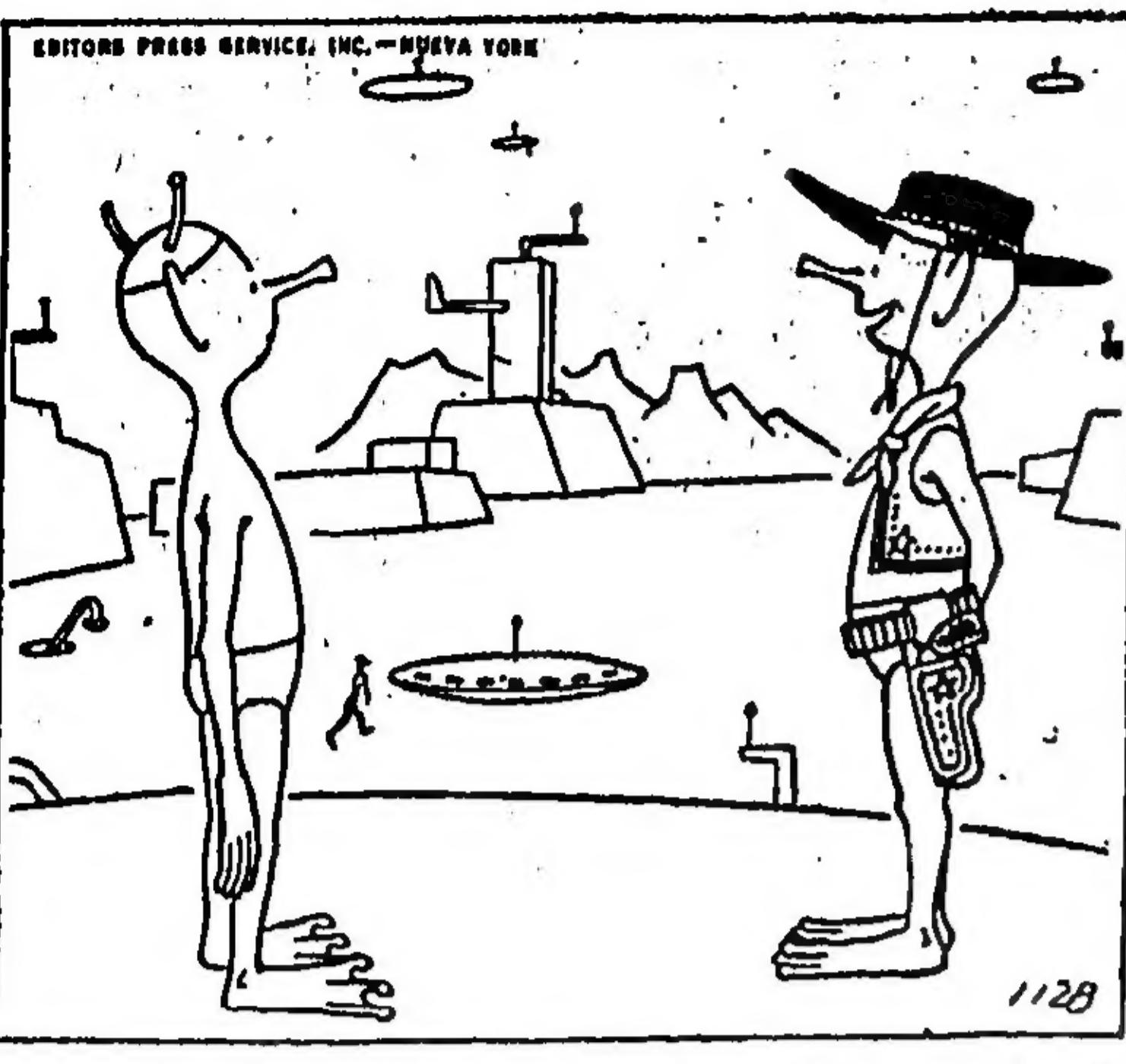
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"My pop brought it back from some planet or other."

• BY • THE • WAY • by Beachcomber

THIS report last week that a farmer whose footpath was muddy had been denounced, warned, and threatened with eviction has stirred the Society for the Prevention of Farming and the Anti-Farm League to action.

They may expect the full support of the various agricultural committees and boards and councils in their new campaign. A long report has been made, detailing with the Meters of Nature, and giving a list of names of farmers who deserve what might be excellent dirt-tracks and paths, and who have cleared fields that are already disgracefully muddy and unhygienic.

Nothing to do with me

THE invention of a wallpaper that will button on to the wall, and can then be taken off just like a button, is a well-known mouse who leaves the bottom button of his waistcoat undone, will be able to go in and out at his leisure.

I don't think so

MARKET prices of fish are sent out by telegram by the trade. As no one is now interested in the price of fish, the public will probably retell by sending telegrams in code, and pretending that the message is connected with fish.

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

BORN today, you have conspicuous genius in the fields of literature and art. You are a good public speaker, too, and are full of unique ideas and plans which you like to see developed. You men will make fine politicians.

Although you have a rather retiring nature, your talents are likely to push you forward into affairs even despite your own wishes. You are a natural born leader in your competent fashion, without ever seeming to be "bossy." Once you have set your mind, you will never rest until it is accomplished.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)—Something vitally important may happen today. Concentrate on making an important decision. Avoid pettiness. Take care of your health—it will be better if you do not deviate from routine matters today. Follow the "straight and narrow."

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)—Make the most of your use of your native talents at this time and you can make exceptional progress.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—Make new friends, especially those who hold fast to those who have stood by you in years past. You men will be held in high esteem.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 23)—If you have not been writing letters lately, do it now. Your correspondence, however, will bring you many rewards.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—If the tide of opposition is too strong, just relax and ride along for a while. Things will change eventually.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Emotionalism solves no problems today. Use your good, common sense and be as calm as you can be.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Alertness can turn an opportunity into your way. Take all advantage of it to make a profitable profit.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Even if there is considerable opposition to your point of view, stick to your guns.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Be sure that you don't miss a second.

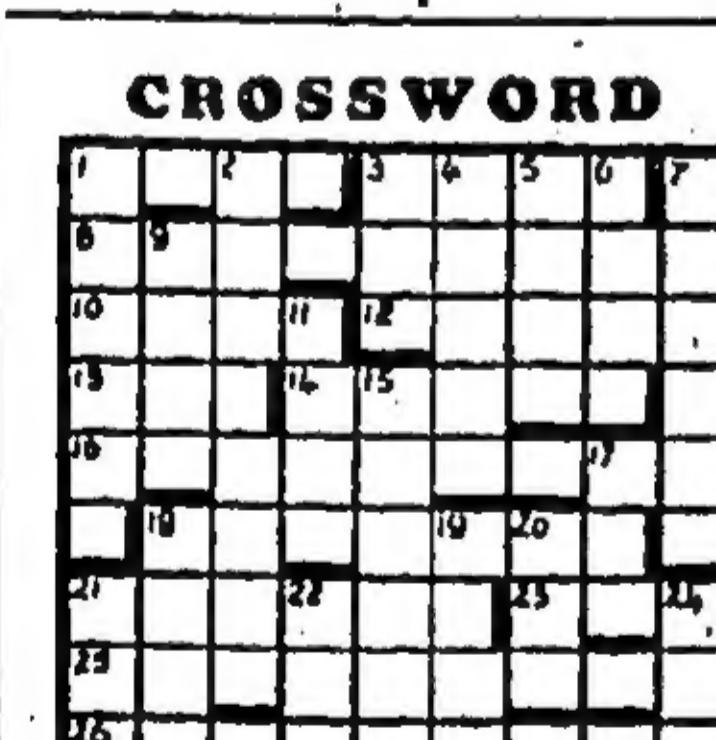
DUMB-BELLS



WHAT'S HIS LINE?

RUDY H. MALAN
Re-arrange the letters to spell his occupation.

(Solution on Page 10)



CARD Sense

Q—The bidding has been: North East South West 1 Heart Pass 2 Clubs Pass 2 Diamonds Pass ?

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Consider all sides of a proposed change before you really make up your mind to it now.

CROSSWORD

A—Bid four hearts. You have 12 points in high cards, 1 point extra for the queen of partner's bid suit, and 2 points for the two doubletons. This is more than enough for game opposite an opening bid when you have no fine a fit for a major suit. You could have made the game-forcing response of three hearts at your first turn if you had chosen to do so.

TODAY'S QUESTION

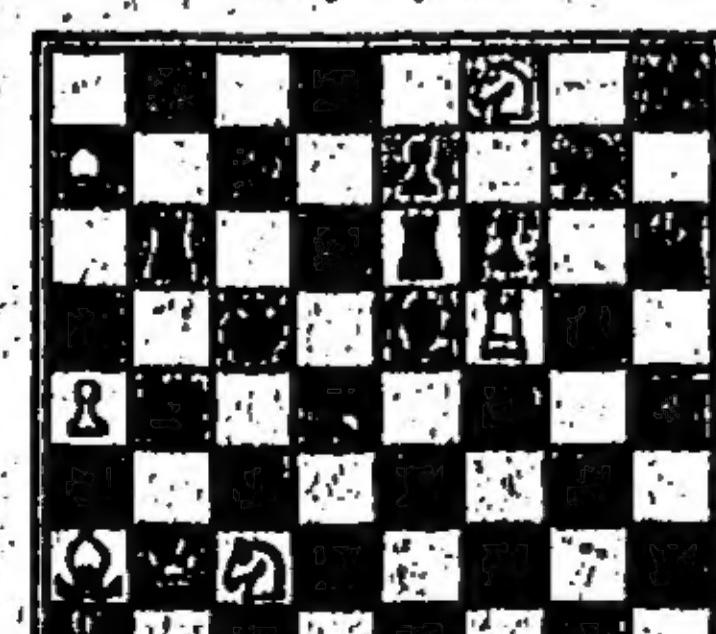
The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You hold: Spades Q-3-2, Hearts 9-4, Diamonds K-0-2, Clubs A-Q-J-8-5. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CHess PROBLEM

By W. HOEK

Black, 6 pieces



White, 6 pieces
White to play: mate in two.
Solution: To yesterday's problem: 1. Queen's Rook to f2, mate.

ROPE STRETCHER'S SOLUTION
TO CHECK
YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

(Solution on Page 10)

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Game Made By Conceding A Trick...

BY OSWALD JACOBY

TODAY'S hand is taken from "Vital Tricks," a collection of 62 instructive hands, by the great Boston expert Frank Perkins. West leads the king of diamonds and continues the suit until South ruff's the third round. How should South then continue in order to make his contract?

South should expect to find the king of clubs in the West hand. Hence a finesse would merely allow West to capture the queen or jack of clubs with the king.

Instead of trying a club finesse, South leads a low club towards dummy immediately. (It would be about equally good to cash the ace of clubs first.) If West takes the king of clubs, South has no further trouble. Declarer can draw trumps and get to dummy with the king of hearts eventually to discard losing hearts on the queen and jack of clubs.

West can prevent this by refusing to take the king of clubs. This limits South to two club tricks.

Now, however, South has no club loser. He can make his contract if he can limit the loss in hearts to one trick. This can be done if each opponent has three hearts, but South should not rely on such good luck.

The correct play is to concede a low heart to the enemy at once. South can win any return, draw two rounds of trumps with the king and ace,

NORTH

♦	10.5	♦ J 8.3
♦ K 7.4	♦ K 9.2	
♦ Q 7.5	♦ Q 8.2	
♦ Q 6.3	♦ J 8.3	

WEST

♦ 10.5	♦ Q 4.2
♦ K 9.0	♦ K 10.7.0
♦ A K Q 10.3	♦ 8.0.2
♦ K 9.8.2	♦ 10.6.4

SOUTH (D)

♦ A Q 9.6.2	♦ A 8.3
♦ J 4.6	♦ A 7.4
♦ A 7.4	♦ A 7.4

EAST

♦ 10.5	♦ 8.3
♦ 9.4	♦ 8.0.2
♦ 8.0.2	♦ 10.6.4

Both sides vul.

South West North East
1 ♠ 2 ♦ 2 ♣ Pass Pass
4 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead—♦ K

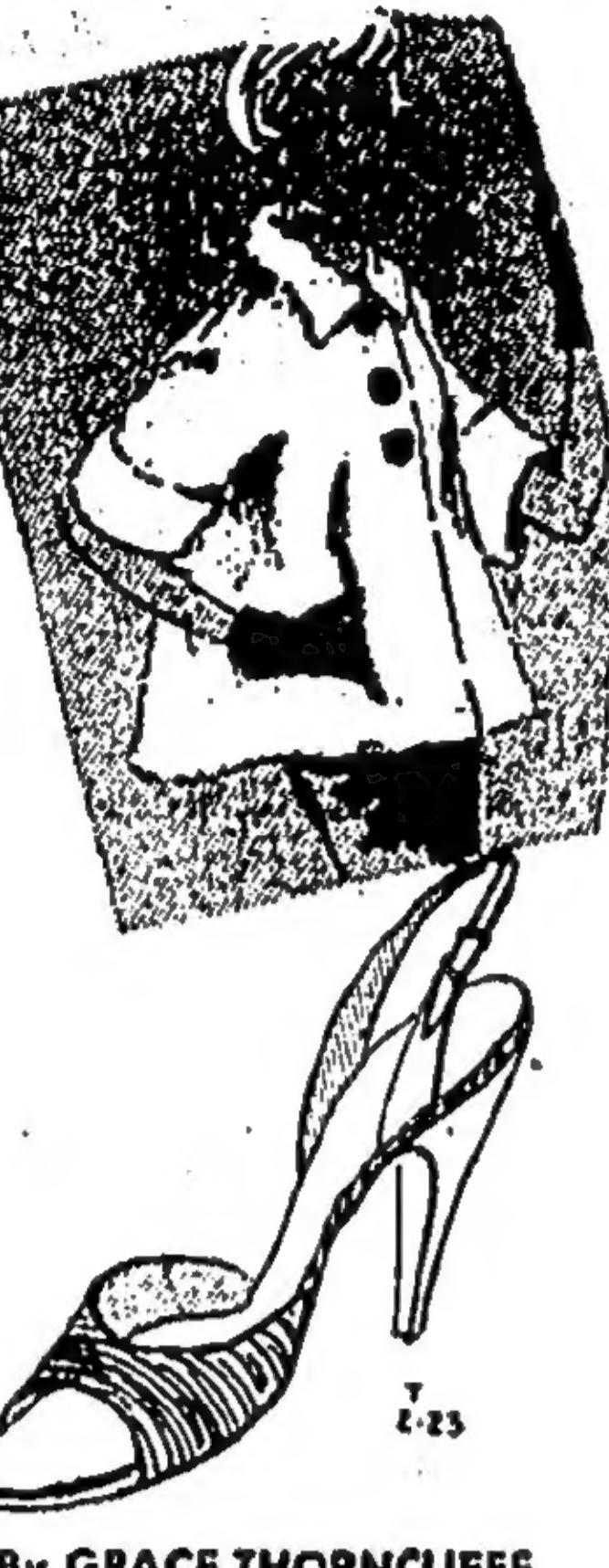
and then take the king and ace of hearts. South is well aware of the fact that one trump is still out, but it is quite safe to cash the hearts if each opponent has three hearts.

Among those who were born on the date are: Thomas Jefferson, third U.S. President; George Washington, Inventor; John W. Davis, statesman; Harold E. Stassen, statesman; Sidney B. Fay, historian; and Wm. H. Bentley, artist.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Once you have set your mind, you will never rest until it is accomplished.

As it happens, the hearts are 4-2, but the long hearts are in the same hand as the long trump. East must follow suit on the second and third round of hearts. South next ruffs his last heart with dummy's last trump, and East must again follow suit. There is no further problem.

FOR THE RESORT



By GRACE THORNCLIFFE

This little jacket of white or pastel poodle-stitch knitted wool is as nice at a resort or on a cruise as it will be for town or travel come summer. There are turned back cuffs on the short sleeves which can be worn to below the elbow if desired. Slit pockets, moderate flare and three knitted buttons in a contrasting colour are other pertinent details. Candy striped cotton is used for a graceful sandal with a white leather heel and back strap, a nice dress-up bit of foot flattery.

Household Hints

Broken egg shells are often helpful in cleaning a very narrow-necked bottle. Break shells into small pieces, place in the bottle, and add a little water and a few grains of crystallized detergent. Shake well until clean, then rinse and dry.

ALL FOR FREE

Lipstick stains may be removed from linen napkins or guest towels by working soap or glycerine into the stain to loosen before laundering. A mild bleach may be used, if the stain remains after washing.

If butter from the refrigerator is too cold to spread well, dip a silver butter knife into hot water, then slice and spread the butter with the hot knife to avoid having it crumble.

Just in time for Easter

In navy and white straw sailor hat with an enormous flat bow at the back.

—(London Express Service)

WOMANSENSE

A BACHELOR'S POINT OF VIEW: SEVEN QUALITIES THAT MAKE A WOMAN IRRESISTIBLE

By IDA JEAN KAIN

A bachelor, who understandably insists on remaining anonymous, lists these seven qualities that make a woman completely irresistible.

Serenity tops the list. He finds the "bottled lightning" type exhausting. They act as if they dare not let down for a minute, he explained.

The second qualification is that she must not be rich. A rich woman can be too demanding and hard to live with. And, he added thoughtfully, supposing she were to lose her money!

Thirdly, she must be less than beautiful! A woman who is too beautiful can be a slave to her beauty. More-

over, when it is so easy for her to attract, she may fail to make the effort to develop an inner radiance. Oh, not that she takes a back seat on looks, he added quickly. "I know I'm not beautiful . . . I only get away with it!" This reveals a blithe spirit that makes mere prettiness quite unimportant.

By the way, he made no issue of weight. He commented that weight is not a problem with the woman who has a zest for living since she isn't bored or discontented, and doesn't turn to overeating.

The sixth quality is that she possesses a high degree of self-respect. No martyr for him!

Naturally, his dream woman has an innate sense of humour. She'd have to,

to put up with man, he mused. And, he added, perhaps most of all, in her heart she must have the capacity to be happy.

To this bachelor's way of thinking, the woman who has only physical beauty cannot hold a candle to the woman who possesses psychological beauty—that mysterious quality that has kindled man's imagination ever since Eve.

New Ways To Use Dried Fruits—

MANY people who usually detest prunes enjoy them in a somewhat disguised form.

For instance, Veal Birds stuffed with a delectable prune dressing. Here's a dish that does take an extra bit of time and effort, but you'll find this well worth-while when the family wants seconds.

VEAL WITH PRUNES

To serve 6, use 3 veal round steaks cut thin. To prepare stuffing, pit 1 c. dried prunes with 1 1/4 c. sliced celery, 1/2 c. chopped onion, 2 tbsps. minced parsley, 1/8 c. melted butter, 4 c. white bread cubes, 2 tbsps. poultry seasoning, salt and pepper to taste.

Use a large kettle, and cook, stirring, until vegetables are wilted. Add 1/3 c. broth or water; stir to blend. Cut the veal steaks in crosswise halves and remove bones. Sprinkle with salt and pepper.

Place a portion of dressing in centre of each piece of meat, piling high in centre. Bring edges of meat together over dressing and pin together with picks or small skewers. Roll "birds" in flour and fry in hot fat until brown on all sides. Add about 2 c. water, simmer, covered, until tender. Remove picks. Form legs of raisins strung on picks, inserting picks in cooled "birds" to hold legs in position. Bake any extra pan and serve with "birds."

FIGS AND CHEESE

Next time you serve appetizers, try this recipe for dried figs with cheese.

Bliss 12 dried figs in warm water; wrap in a towel and steam over hot water about 15 min. Clip stems. Cut each fig into halves by pressing out and down the centre. Combine a 3-oz. package cream cheese, 2 tbsps. mayonnaise or cream, 1/4 tsp. prepared mustard and 1/4 tsp. garlic, onion, celery or just plain tabasco; blend smooth. Force mixture through a pastry gun or paper cone to decorate figs. Garnish with bits of olives, pickles, radishes or celery. Sprinkle with paprika.

For confectionery-type cheeses filled figs, soften the cheese with leftover fruit juice or cream; omit seasonings except salt, and garnish with bits of nut meats, candied fruits and pecans or shredded coconut.

—Alice Denhoff

Fickleness Applauded

BUFFALO, N.Y.—THE more a woman changes her mind, the better it is for business, a University of Buffalo instructor says.

Alexander H. Malinoff says that intelligent mind-changing, whether by men or women, is a good practice in a progressive world. Business success depends on how well day-by-day challenges to consumer thinking are met.

Scientists, he says, are old hand at mind-changing. Malinoff, who handles advertising affairs for his business, the Malinoff Advertising Co., Buffalo, says that the secret to success is to think straight and think clearly, and to keep an open mind.

Rupert and the Black Spark—26



Rupert, shucks, my! That's a queer window, round. Last night I spent a long time opening bottles and others and mixing powders which all left the house into the tube. How clever! Now, this is different sort of powder. I've got my last will and testament all ready. I've got my last will and testament all ready. I've got my last will

JUNIOR BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

JOHNNY POMEROY AND EDUARDO MARQUEZ-LIM REACH SEMI-FINALS

By "ARGONAUT"

Top-seeded Johnny Pomeroy, Jr., and Eduardo Marquez-Lim yesterday qualified for the semi-finals of the Colony Men's Junior Singles Badminton Championship as the tournament continued to make further progress at Recreio.

Although a good standard was maintained it was noticeable that a number of the contestants, whether winners or losers, found it extremely difficult to give of their best owing to the very slippery condition of the floor.

As quarter-finalists and semi-finalists yesterday's competitors certainly deserved better playing conditions than they had.

Playing at near top form, Pomeroy was hardly extended by Craignowton's M. A. Ebrahim in his comfortable two-set win of 15-4 and 15-10.

Ebrahim made a strong stand at the start of both sets, but gradually withered away under the barrage of powerful smashes and forcing shots from his opponent.

In the first set Pomeroy was held to 4-4 before drawing away to 7-4, 11-4, 14-4 and set. In the second Pomeroy took an early 2-0 lead, but Ebrahim came back with four points to a row to overtake his opponent at 4-4.

Errors in drop shots by his opponent and excellent anticipation on Pomeroy's part at this stage enabled him to forge ahead to 6-4.

Pomeroy pluckily held on at 6-6 only to see Pomeroy move ahead to 9-6. Still fighting, Ebrahim closed up to 10-11, but could do little from then onwards as Pomeroy held a firm grip on the game to score four points in a row for set one.

THE FULL DISTANCE

The other singles match of the evening between the two leading schoolboy shuttlers, Marquez-Lim and Wong Shiu-kwong, went the full distance of three sets before it was won

by Marquez-Lim by 15-6, 8-15 and 15-8.

It was a grand tussle between offence and defence with offence carrying the day.

Marquez-Lim yesterday gave a much more impressive display than when he eliminated Schoolboy Champion Ko Wal-bong.

Scoring repeatedly with deadly smashes he put into effective use an additional weapon in the delayed push-stroke. Wong Shiu-kwong, however, put up an equally creditable display especially in the third set, when he not only held the winner to 6-6 but took the lead at 8-6 when they changed court.

Errors by Wong and a brilliant spell by Marquez-Lim enabled the latter to reel off five points in a row.

In another upsurge, Lim roared 13-8 and although Wong managed to regain the service on two more occasions, he could make no further headway as Lim completed the set and match with a smash and an error by his opponent.

MEN'S DOUBLES

In the only Men's Doubles match of the evening, top-seeded Albert Tam and Jimmy Ku met with strong opposition from University's K. L. Hui and S. T. Hoo before emerging triumphant by 15-16, 15-6, and 15-2 to qualify for the semi-final.

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Settling down from the opening service, Hoo and Hui raced off to a 6-0 lead with some fine smashes and, although strongly challenged at 8-6 and 10-8, romped home for the first set after four successive errors by their opponents.

The second set saw the exact reverse as Tam gradually got his services in and Ku began to put into effective use his tremendous smashes.

The third set found the winners well warmed up for a sustained attacking game which they never relaxed until set one was reached at 15-2.

LADIES' DOUBLES

In the Ladies' Doubles event, top-seeded Bernadine Remedios and Gloria Sequira gained an easy passage into the final with 15-2, 15-0 win over newcomers Ho Shok-kam and Cinder Ho, who in their first competitive match were rather unfortunate in not having been given the fullest opportunity to give off their best.

THE SCORES

Men's Singles

(Quarter-Finals) Ed Marquez-Lim beat Wong Shiu-kwong 15-3, 8-15, 15-8
(Semi-Finals) Junior Pomeroy beat M. A. Ebrahim 15-4, 15-10.

Men's Doubles

(Quarter-Finals) Jimmy Ku & Albert Tam beat Hoo Seng-tuck & Dr K. L. Hui 6-15, 15-6, 15-2.

Ladies' Doubles

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TODAY'S GAMES

7.30 p.m. (Semi-Finals) Mixed Doubles: S. K. Wong & Chan Yuen-yue v. P. V. Yap & Perlin Dhabher.

8 p.m. (Quarter-Finals) Men's Singles: Hoo Seng-tuck v. F. M. Rozario.

8.30 p.m. (Semi-Finals) Ladies' Doubles: Perlin Dhabher & Mary Wong v. Chen Yuen-yue & Diana Yung.

9 p.m. (Quarter-Finals) Men's Doubles: P. V. Yap & M. A. Ebrahim v. Siu Chuen & S. K. Wong.

TOMORROW

At St. Teresa

Although no times are given, all players named below are requested to be present by 7.30 p.m. at the latest.

Junior Men's Singles: (Semi-Finals) Ed Marquez-Lim v. winner (F. M. Rozario v. Hoo Seng-tuck).

Junior Mixed Doubles: (Semi-Finals) Junior Pomeroy & Gloria Sequira v. Jimmy Ku & Mary Wong.

Junior Men's Doubles: (Semi-Finals) J. A. Sohne & H. A. Brown v. (Yap-Sabathina & Siu Chuen-S. K. Wong).

Junior Men's Doubles: (Semi-Finals) Jimmy Ku & Albert Tam v. C. V. Lee & W. W. Cheung.

OUTPLAYS LINDE WERTIL



Yoshiko Tanaka, 22-year-old Japanese girl, brought off one of the upsets of the day when she beat Austria's highly-fancied Linde Wertil in the World Table Tennis Championships at Wembley yesterday. — Central Press Photo.

Stop That Moaning...

Says DESMOND HACKETT

The Scots are top of the poll when I vote for the chaps I best like to have around, but what a whining, unsporting crew they are when it gets down to football. England gave Scotland a fair old beating-up at Hampden Park if you remember.

Now every Scot able to lift a pen is weeping into his ink and declaring this was the worst Scottish team of all time, that they were a disgrace to the old blue shirts, that the selectors should emigrate.

Awa' and baw' your haggis! This team was within a couple of players of being the best Scotland could put into action. If I remember rightly, they were a "bonny bunch" when they were "nae sue bad" when it was all square at half time, and Scotland had all the winds of Clydeside blowing for them in the second half.

It was only when the Soccer men of England suddenly discovered they were a team, when Tom Finney became the man who blighted their lives, that the Scots suddenly discovered their own team was not worth a swing of the kilt.

Not a word anywhere that England did a fairly sound job, just the odd and awesome mention of Finney, and the rest nothing but a tear-jerking lament.

Dash it all, play the game, you Scots.

ALL'S WELL

Incidentally, this rush of water to the Scottish eyes reminds me that all is well with the Boat-race which was reported to be on its last legs, or last oars, because of the high cost of rowing.

It costs up to £8,000 for the two crews to row from Putney to Mortlake, or as some highly-brained characters have worked out 12s. 6d. per stroke, per man.

The only means of raising the funds has been the sales of programmes.

In the past, the Boat-race crowds were disinclined to buy a programme, and it looked as though the greatest free sports show on earth would pass on at the ripe old age of one hundred.

Now all is well. When the public heard the Boat-race was in a sinking condition financially, people threw in their bobs with good will, bless 'em.

SPORTS SURVEY

By "ALL-ROUNDER"

BEATEN 83-2 AND ENJOYED IT.

The boys of Blackburn Orphanage were beaten 83-2 by Longshaw in the Mill Hill (Lancs.) League—and afterwards they said that they enjoyed it because they had scored twice against the potential champions—something no other side has done this season. Eight of the Longshaw side scored with inside-left Jack Sanderson top marksman with seven goals. More odd was the fact that Ted Heap scored four times. He is a full-back!

PASSED HIS OWN RECORD.

Nottingham's Spartan League individual goalscoring record in a match has been beaten for the past seven years and Arthur Tucker, of Armwood Cables, equalled it a fortnight ago. Now he has beaten the record by scoring thirteen of his team's 18 goals against Moorbridge Lane. He has scored 29 times in his last three matches!

SUNDAY FA LIMITED.

A Sunday Football Association Ltd. has been formed with an initial capital of £100 and as a non-profit making concern. It has six directors and consists of seven county and area associations comprising about 50 leagues and 2,000 clubs. The associations are ruled by their own affiliated leagues and, in turn, the Sunday FA is governed by the affiliated area and county associations. Sunday football, of course, is barred by the Football Association.

HE REACHED HIS CENTURY.

Will Salt, of West Bromwich, has just reached his hundredth birthday. He is Hale and hearty, drinks his beer, smokes his pipe, eats a good meal and follows sports results avidly. And just to think that two years ago, soon after his 89th milestone, he fell and broke his thigh—playing cricket! He has made a complete recovery and goes for his daily walk.

SCOTLAND'S MANAGER-LINEMAN.

Scotland's new manager for the World Cup series, Andy Bentle of Huddersfield, went along with his reserve team to Preston for a Central League match. A thin man short, he took a flag and enjoyed running the line. Asked if he had any difficult decisions to make he replied: "Aye, there was one, awkward moment, but luckily I did not have to make a decision. I was having a word with a chap in the crowd at the time!"

BACK TO MAURITIUS.

Jimmy Strong, Burnley's goalkeeper for so many years, was stationed in Mauritius during the War and was in charge of the Argentine Athletic Federation preferred to have me run in the Championships," said Cabrett. "This year those Championships were postponed, so I can't run here. I always have heard of the Boston Marathon and I think it is a great honour to compete here."

Kuorinen was second last year, Karl Gustaf Leander of Sweden was third, Katai Nishida of Japan fourth and Johnny Kelly of Boston fifth. All except Leander entered again this year, along with Kuro Hiroshima of Japan, who was eighth.—United Press.

JESSE PENNINGTON SUR-

PASSED. West Bromwich Albion captain Len Millard broke a club record when he played against Blackpool recently. It was his 400th appearance while surpassing the total of the most famous of all left backs, Jesse Pennington. Jesse was there to see the feat accomplished.

Mrs Cockell Keeps A Tab On The Cash

By GEORGE WHITING

For the first time for years a British girl—petite, blonde and attractive—stands a fair-to-middling chance of being universally recognised as the queen of sport, a glamorous but enormous international role reserved for the wife of the Heavyweight Champion of the World.

She is Mrs Irene Cockell, whose husband, Don, by beating Roland LaStarza earned for himself the mixed blessings of the roughest but richest assignment in sport—a fight for the championship of the world with Rocky Marciano, the Buster

Lunching with the Cockells is a homely and satisfying experience, and I found it pleasant to watch 18st. Don, the mightiest fighting man in Britain, dutifully fetching and carrying dishes down on Diamond Farm, his first professional fight, and I went with him to America and South Africa.

The first entry reads: "High Wycombe Town Hall, June 20, 1944. Beat Trevor Lowder in fifth round. First pro fight. Earned £8 (£7 clear)."

"I still do Don's accounts for his fights. The remarks of the crowd hurt sometimes, but I would rather be on the spot than sit at home worrying about what is happening to him. Boxing used to be his fun, and now it is his business—but my feelings are pretty much the same."

"In fact I've seen nearly all his fights. The remarks of the crowd hurt sometimes, but I would rather be on the spot than sit at home worrying about what is happening to him. Boxing used to be his fun, and now it is his business—but my feelings are pretty much the same."

"Touch wood, but Don has never been cut about much in the ring. I think my most worrying night was when he lost to Randolph Turpin after he had weakened himself by taking off more than three stone in training.

Taking charge of a champion and two growing boys has not left her much time for personal sport since her roller skating days. But she can ride a horse—which is more than her husband can do. "Much too dangerous—I always fall off," said the man who considers modestly but with conviction that he has a reasonable chance of survival and success against Marciano.

Cockell has to work hard to keep his weight down to 18 stone. His wife has reduced from 10st. to 8st. For the rest the Cockell fare is without fat or fancy—steaks, spinach, eggs and an occasional excursion into the realm of bean-shoots at a Chinese restaurant in Eastbourne.

"Catering for our family is easy," providing we, "watch the starches," said Irene. "Don fancies himself as a cook, but I've never given him any medals since the day his jam tarts decided to become Yorkshire puddings."

INDULGENT

At this stage, seven-year-old Pat arrived home from school with the news that he had dotted Johnny Hobbins in the eye over the matter of a catapult. Father smiled indulgently and admitted he would not stand in his son's way if they wished to become boxers.

I advised him not to entertain too many fond thoughts. Mrs Cockell reckons one fighter in the background. How different from the early days, when, to save hotel bills he and his wife used to sit on bleak railway platforms in the small hours after a provincial fight.

HER NOTES

Mrs Cockell rummaged in a drawer and, shyly, handed me a sheet of carefully pencilled notes in a neat feminine hand. They were headed "Don's Box-

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THE GAMBOLES . . .



By Barry Appleby

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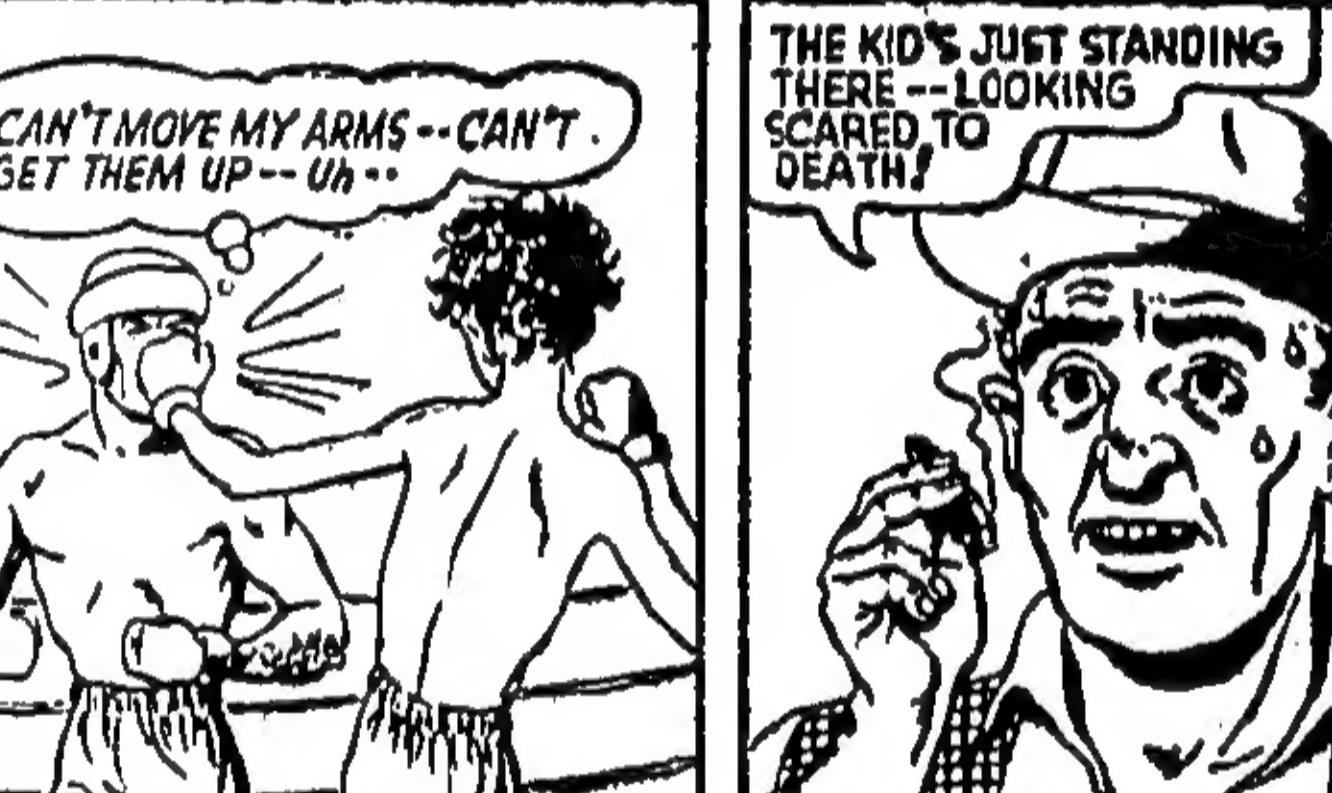
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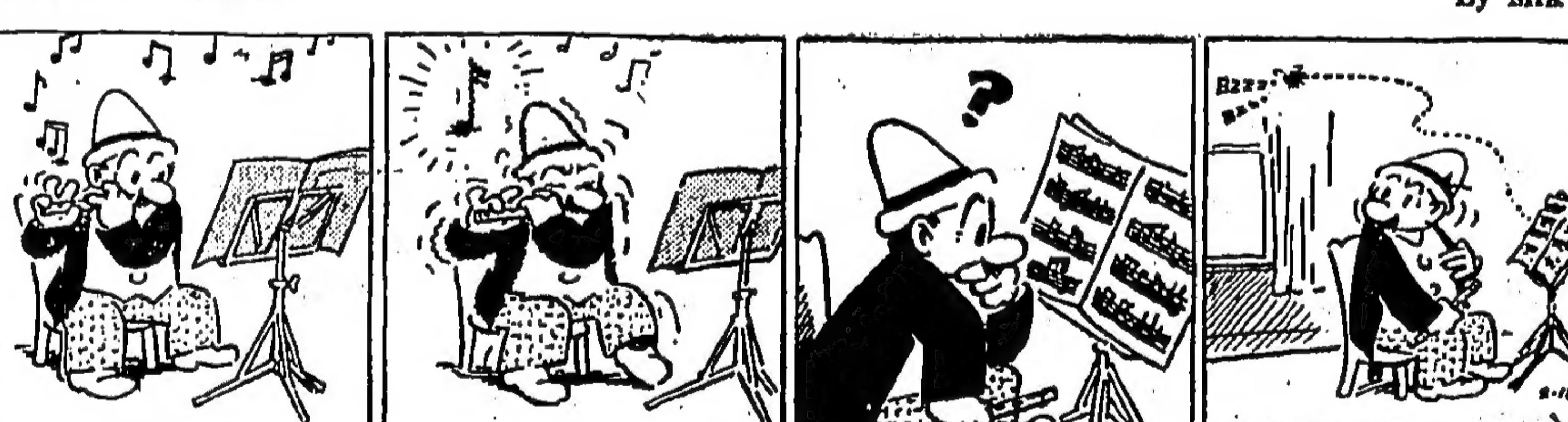
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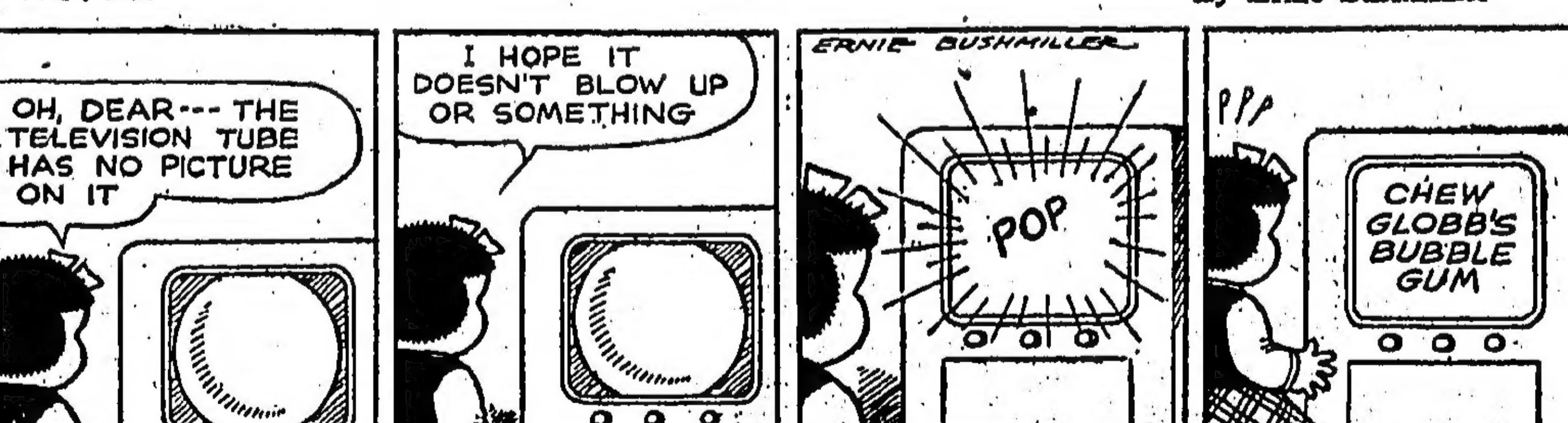
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TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 1954.

JOHN CLARKE'S
CASEBOOK

THE BOXER

NOT many of the men and women who stand in the dock at the London courts seem ever to have had ambitions much beyond those simple ones of ordinary people—to be able to earn enough to eat and live and play, to marry perhaps and settle down to a family life, to love and be loved.

Not much to ask, but more than many achieve.

Harold aimed higher than most who stand where he did, in the dock at Bow Street. In his late teens, and the first years of his twenties (he is 27 now) the world seemed full of promise to him, and he meant to do great things.

AMBITION

ALREADY, there was plenty to his credit. Since leaving school he had done well in the two jobs he held, first in Scotland, where his home was. When he came out of the Navy after his National Service he had in his pocket a "character" marked "excellent."

Besides all this, he had a pretty young wife and a new ambition—to become a professional boxer and fight his way to the top of that tough profession.

Harold did moderately well as a boxer and he might have gone a long way in the business had not something happened that wrecked his career entirely. His wife left him.

NEW ROLE

HE was trained to take all kind of punishment, but that kind he could not take, and from the day of his wife's departure, Harold ceased to work.

He wandered presently to London and joined those who mated around the city living on what they are pleased to call their wits, the army of the work-shy.

Late the other evening, in side-streets around Victoria station, two policemen watched Harold in his new role, sneaking into the areas of dark, curtained houses, on the lookout, as seen, for unlocked doors and windows.

LIVING ROUGH

THE police made their arrest, and in the morning, at Bow Street, Harold, a good-looking, loose-limbed man, pleaded guilty to loitering with intent to steal from dwelling-houses.

"There are no previous convictions," a police officer said to Mr Bertram Reece, the magistrate, and he neatly sketched Harold's story.

"Is there any reason why he can't work? Is he able-bodied?" the magistrate asked.

"Yes, sir, he is. But he tells me he has been living rough for some time."

"What's the reason for this?" the magistrate said.

UNTIL THEN

"I THINK he was very cut up about his wife leaving him," said the officer, understanding in his tone. "Until then he was pretty steady."

"What do you want to say about this?" Mr Reece asked Harold.

"I'm sorry," he said. "I'd no food, no money . . ." He looked tired out, punch-drunk by circumstance.

"Well you'll find this acting the part of a potential burglar very unprofitable," said the magistrate. "But you seem to have done well in the past. Are you prepared to work?"

"Aye, I'd work if I had a job," said Harold.

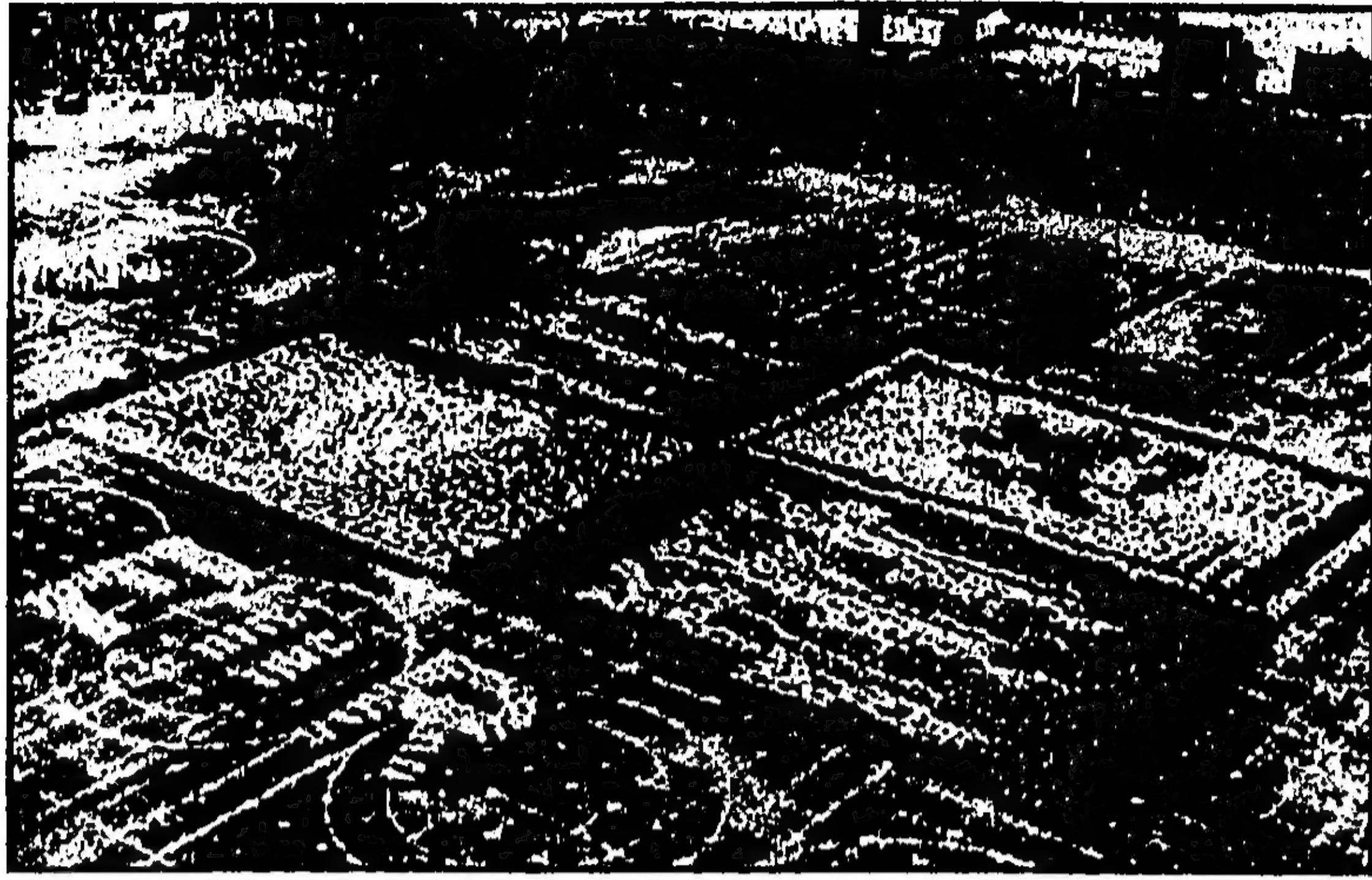
"You could find him a job, couldn't you?" said Mr Reece, to the probation officer who nodded that he could.

The magistrate turned again to Harold.

"I'm going to put you on probation," he said. "I've no doubt that when you get a job you'll be happier than you have been for some time. You go and talk to that gentleman."

Thank you, sir," said Harold, and he went out, and there was lightness in his step again, as there must have been a few years back when his world seemed so full of promise.

Royal Standard Formed By Children



The Royal Standard was formed by 7,000 children when the Queen visited Wayside Oval, Adelaide, to see the children's demonstration. This picture, taken from one of the floodlighting pylons, shows the children in formation. —London Express Photo.

Man Falls 7,000ft From Plane To His Death

Singapore, Apr. 13.

A 40-year-old Chinese clerk, Cheong Chen, fell 7,000 feet through the air from a Malayan Airways Dakota to his death in an abandoned rubber estate in Johore yesterday.

Bound for Medan in Sumatra, the plane was 51 miles out from Singapore's Kallang airport when the incident occurred. The air hostess and other passengers realised something had gone wrong when a gust of air rushed through an emergency exit door which was open. A few of the passengers who sat near Cheong saw a pair of legs disappearing through the open hatch.

An Airline spokesman said it all happened so suddenly the other passengers had no chance of rescuing the man, whose body was later found in an abandoned rubber estate in South Johore, lying face down. A police party found it half an hour after the incident was reported.

The pilot, Captain J.C. Hutchinson, immediately radioed Singapore control tower for instructions when he was informed by the hostess. The plane was instructed to proceed as scheduled to Kuala Lumpur, where police officers were waiting to question the passengers and crew.

GUST OF AIR

Hostess Marjorie Wee said that, as she passed Cheong after serving coffee to the pilot, the man asked her where the next stop was. She said she told him the plane would stop at Kuala Lumpur and Penang. When she was taking some tea to a passenger sitting behind Cheong, she felt a gust of air and saw one of the hatches open and Cheong, who was sitting next to the door, was concluded Insp. Allen.

A Singapore architect, S. Wooster, who saw the incident, said the moment he felt the

Southeast Asia Security Pact

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French has convinced the Foreign Office that the whole situation is entering a new and more critical phase.

"Because of this, former British opposition to a Southeast Asia security pact has been dropped," Marks continues.

But with the Geneva conference between the East and West less than two weeks ahead, Britain is still unwilling to take any hasty new decisions.

Up to late tonight Britain was unwilling to accept the United States plan for a flat declaration warning Red China to keep out of the war. This was because such a declaration might be regarded as a threat.

According to one suggestion put forward in London the new defence pact for Southeast Asia would include Britain, America, Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Siam and France's three Associated States in Indo-China.

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\$1,000 Fine For Gold Smuggling

"I was not a carrier—it was my own gold," said 38-year-old Wong Shiu-chu, of 115 Lai Chi Kok Road, second floor, when she was fined \$1,000 or two months' imprisonment by Mr Hing-shing Lo at Central this morning for attempting to smuggle seven bars of gold into the Colony without a licence.

Revenue Inspector J.R. Allen, prosecuting, told the Court whether Mr Bernacchi had been informed of this, Wong said that it was so ordered that all documents should be handed over to the special managers.

Mr Bernacchi said that after the Court adjourned the solicitors discovered they were in the hands of the special managers.

Mr McNeill contended that he had never received any profit on these sales, he alleged.

So far as he could see it was the case of Mr Ipekjian and Mr Seymour that Falconer's received no profits because there were obviously large profits on this transaction instead of mere nominal interest had profits gone to Falconer's.

NOT MISLEADING

His Lordship observed that Mr Bernacchi made the allegation that the documents were deliberately withheld, whereas he continually put off selling and transferring these shares to my client."

In the summer of 1949 the petitioner was on leave and away from the Colony, said Mr Bernacchi, and Mr Ipekjian obtained an agency from the Bulova Watch Company. These watches in Falconer's name were being sold to various retailers in the Colony at wholesale factory prices.

Counsel said that these transactions did not appear in the proper books of the Company, although there were certain books which it was contended by Mr Ipekjian and Mr Seymour were books of the Company in which certain references were to be found.

US DOLLAR PAYMENTS

"We say they do not appear in the proper books and payment from the local dealers was obtained in US dollars and taken over by this firm of Ipekjian Bros. Ltd." Counsel said.

Falconer's had never received any profit on these sales, he alleged.

Explaining the transaction as he saw it, Counsel said that Mr Bernacchi was going to prove that he had somebody in Manila wanting his money out of the Philippines and transferred to some other part of the world.

These banknotes were smuggled into Hongkong at US\$14,000 net in notes were paid over to Mr Seymour.

Mr Winter said that no doubt Mr Bernacchi had nothing to do with this.

Mr Bernacchi said that he did not intend to open anything which he had no reason to substantiate.

The other side objected to the word withdraw it but he would certainly be using it in his closing address.

"I shall show that this money was brought to Hongkong and handed over to Mr Seymour," Mr Bernacchi said.

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He was going to show that these sub-agents received commissions of one sort or another from Bulova on Bulova factory prices.

"And we invite your

Lordship to say that it is

incredible if even a sub-

agent receives a commission on factory prices that no com-

mission was paid to Falconer's on the same factory prices."

APRON STRINGS

Counsel said that the agency agreement was not going to be produced. "You may see from the reply to our notice to produce that these gentlemen are sheltering behind the apron strings of a company called Ipekjian Bros. Inc. of New York."

The only reason for not pro-

ducing that contract showed

very clearly what agency com-

mission was to be paid, Mr

Bernacchi said.

This was an important case

because it was one of the few

cases where it was frankly ad-

mitted by Mr Ipekjian and Mr

Seymour that the agency

was obtained for Falconer's

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